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Application No.:

10/036993

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Examiner:

Jane J. Rhee

Title:

REMOVABLE CORE FOR PRE-STRETCHED TUBE

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

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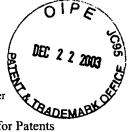
Upon review of the file, it was noted that the initialed Form PTO-1449 filed with the Disclosure Statement dated June 17, 2003 has not been received. It is requested that the Examiner initial the Form PTO-1449, a copy of which is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience, and return it to the undersigned attorney.

This Amendment is believed to be timely submitted. It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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